

PUBLICATIONS.

International Clinics; Vol. III, 13th Series. With five colored plates, five plates, and thirteen figures in the text. The third volume of the series contains a collection of six papers on Diseases of the Gall-Bladder and Gall-Ducts, in addition to the general matter usually presented in these volumes. John H. Musser treats of the medical aspects, R. D. Rudolph of the causation, symptoms and diagnosis, Charles G. Stockton writes of the diagnosis and medical treatment, F. Parkes Weber deals with biliary cirrhosis of the liver, F. Lejars' contribution concerns the indications for surgical intervention, and John B. Deaver writes of the surgery and post-operative treatment. The papers make an excellent treatise on the subject. Additional papers are on the Treatment of Pneumonia, by David W. Finlay; of Gastric Cancer, by Albert Robin; Carbonic Acid Treatment in Rectal Diseases, by Achilles Rose; of Typhoid, by A. Chantmesse. Other papers are on the following subjects: Malarial Infection, Types of Pneumonia, Respiratory Disorder Causing Death, Leukemia, intermediate in type; Myocardial Damage in Rheumatic Fever, Cocaine Anesthesia, General Anesthesia, Asepsis and Antisepsis, Gastrotomy, Intrascrotal Tumors, and the Modern Treatment of Varicose Veins. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company.

Decent Advertising.—It is a pleasure to read the announcement of the *Journal of the Kansas Medical Society* that in future it intends to abide strictly by the rule of accepting only decent advertising and of publishing no reading notices in its reading pages. Slowly but surely the tide is turning. We have simply been deluged with the flood of vile and filthy nostrums, and doubtless thousands of lives have been sacrificed to the conscienceless greed of the man who will start a so-called medical journal, operate it for revenue only, puff and laud any old thing that has cash to back it, thus prostituting his profession and debauching the minds of many unfortunate ones who read his filthy sheet and do not know that he is paid for printing his vile lies—that his published utterances bear the hall mark of blood money upon them. If the journals of all the state societies will adopt this policy of decency, they can soon force the big, and even the biggest, journals to become reputable in their advertising pages.

Transactions of the Medical Association of Georgia, Fifty-fourth Annual Session, 1903. Some of the papers presented in this volume are Post-operative Treatment Appendicitis, Hydrotherapy in Dis. of the Digestive System, Retinitis Albuminurica, Carcinoma of the Cervix, Abdominal Surgery in private Residence, Puerperal Insanity, Smallpox, Osteomyelitis, Stricture Anterior Inertia, Hemophilia, Internal Strabismus, Multiple Fibroid with Pregnancy, Bloodless Operation for Hemorrhoids, General Diseases in Relation to the Eye, Spinal Curvature, Gastroptosis, New Silver Salts, Vaginal Route, Unilateral Sweating, Summer Complaint, X-Ray Treatment of Acne, X-Ray Treatment of Tabes, Criminal Kindness, Uncinariasis in Southern States, What is Meant by "Regulars" in the Code of Ethics, Remote Effects of Gonorrhoea in the Female, An Unclassified Fever of the South.

Transactions of the Iowa State Medical Society, Fifty-Second Annual Session, 1903. (No Table of Contents, and a very unsatisfactory Index; otherwise a satisfactory volume. Why in the world do you not publish a journal, instead of this archaic volume of "Transactions"?) Contains papers on the following subjects: Diseases Fallopian Tubes; Retrodiseplacements Uterus; Radical vs. Palliative Measures in Gynecology; Extra-Uterin Pregnancy;

Gyn. Neuroses; Medico-Legal Phases Insanity; Relation Childbearing to Insanity; Alcoholism; Traumatic Neuroses; Epilepsy; Preparation for Cataract Operation; Medical Treatment Chron. Otorrhoea; Radical Operation; Normal Labor; Puerperal Sepsis, Forceps; State Bacteriologic Examinations; Laboratory in Public Health Work; Disinfection in Office of General Practitioner; Dif. Diagnosis Gastric Ulcer and Gall Stones; Surgery Gall-Bladder; Systemic Infection from Gonorrhoea; Functional Albuminuria; Parenchymatous Nephritis; Contracted Kidney; Nephrolithiasis; Heart Affections; Sounds of the Body.

Transactions of the New Hampshire Medical Society, at the One Hundred and Twelfth Anniversary, held at Concord, May 21 and 22, 1903. The volume contains, amongst other papers, Obscure Fractures Near Joints, New Operation for Spina Bifida, Vaccination, Exophthalmic Goitre, Typhoid Fever, Passage of Renal Calculus, Pleurisy With Effusion, Acetanilid Habit, On the Extensive Use of Proprietary Mixtures, Maternal Impressions, Eclampsia, Quarantine in Diphtheria, are noted in the volume at hand.

Initial Publication, Again. "*The California State Journal of Medicine* is nothing if not plain spoken. Fortunately its editor is a man of high morals and the JOURNAL is kept to the high standard which he advocates. It appears to us that he is a little too exacting when he insists that all papers read at the annual meeting of the State Society should first appear in the JOURNAL of the Society. The utmost freedom has been given to our members in this matter and no dissatisfaction results. *It is probably true, however, that articles read at the annual meetings will obtain a larger number of readers if printed in the State Journal than if printed elsewhere.*"—*Illinois Medical Journal*.

The reasons for desiring initial or simultaneous publication of papers are numerous. A few of them are: 1st, The JOURNAL desires to print medical news not reprints. 2d, It is the record or transactions of the State Society meetings, and as such should contain all papers presented at the meetings. 3d, We believe our own members are more interested in the papers of their associates than are strangers. 4th, The *Illinois Journal* has expressed our sentiment when it says, "It is probably true that articles read at annual meetings will obtain a larger number of readers if printed in the State Journal." 5th, It is very easy to arrange for simultaneous publication, when that is desired. As for "plain speaking"—well, perhaps that is true!

The Animal Parasite Supposed to be the Cause of Yellow Fever. Correspondence relative to the investigations into the subject, and the very material aid rendered the government commission by Mr. J. C. Smith, of New Orleans. Published in *Science*, Oct. 23d, 1903. The correspondence presented shows at a glance that Mr. Smith was used as fully as possibly by the commission, and then very little credit given him for his aid. It is a shame that scientific men cannot be a little—just a little—more broad-minded and less jealous.

Tuberculosis.—Dr. F. M. Pottenger of Los Angeles considers that tuberculosis is the most frequent of fatal diseases and gives tables showing the mortality in different countries. While we have been obliged to discard heredity as a common cause, he thinks we have gone too much to the other extreme and neglected the question of predisposition. Childhood is a period that needs our most earnest atten-